



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update
February 2007**

Committee Name: Young Adult Transition

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Priority Strategy(ies) and Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Objective 4.1. Prepare youth, families, pediatric and adult health care providers and the educational system for transition.

The Summit

1. Summit theme: "Creating Effective and Sustainable Systems Change for Youth and Families".
2. Summit date: July 28, 2007.
3. Tentative time: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
4. Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
5. The Plan: Invite from 15 to 30 youth, ideally at least one youth from each county, and representatives from state agencies and community organizations to meet and work together to address issues that impact youth as they transition to adulthood and to identify possible solutions.
6. Nomination Form: Youth who would like to participate in the summit will need to complete and submit a nomination application. There are two sections on the form that the youth will need to complete that ask them why they would like to participate in the summit and, if selected, how they would share what they learned from the summit with other youths in their community. The Young Adult Transition Subcommittee will review all submitted nomination applications and through a consensus process will select youth to participate in the summit activities.
7. Criteria for Youth Participation are youth who:
 - Are 16-25 years of age.
 - Has a special health care need (i.e. physical, developmental, and behavioral) .
 - Like working in groups, and
 - Are willing to participate in a day of discussion to identify barriers that impact youth transitioning to adulthood and possible solutions.
8. Tentative Summit Topics to be discussed:
 - Transportation and Mobility (buses, the rail system, access to buildings and the availability of sidewalks).
 - Employment and Financial Support (to include what services may be at risk of losing if employment takes place).
 - Health care and Benefits (services, providers).
 - Higher Education and Vocational Education.

- Housing, Independent Living and Assisted Living.
- 9. Per Diem and Accommodations for Youth, Parent/Guardian/Care Provider: Meals, travel and any pre-arranged overnight accommodations will be paid for.
- 10. Recommendations from the summit will be presented to the Task Force at their next scheduled meeting following the summit.

Opportunities for Integration:

- The interactions during the summit and the recommendations from the summit will likely highlight ways that systems integration can take place.

Barriers Identified:

- Not at present, but may as the summit planning moves forward.

Support needed:

- Give a nomination form to a youth.
- Sponsor/Co-sponsor for hotel accommodations for invited youth and family member/care provider
- Sponsor/Co-sponsor for travel expenses for invited youth and family member/care provider
- Sponsor/Co-sponsor for care provider accommodations.
- Sponsor (s) for afternoon break
- Sponsor(s) for key note speaker
- Knowledgeable and invested volunteer facilitators.
- Volunteers to work the Summit (registration, breakout sessions, lunch, and clean-up).
- Marketing within agency/organizations and other key stakeholders.

Recommendations to the Task Force:

- Not at this time.